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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

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In the Title:

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STABLE LACTASE TABLETS AND METHODS OF PRODUCTION - -

In the Abstract:

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A tablet and a composition having from about 3000 to about 9000 FCC lactase units and from about 25 to about 70 weight percent microcrystalline cellulose is disclosed.

Additionally, also disclosed is a process for making a tablet by following steps in order mixing lactase and microcrystalline cellulose to form a preblend; adding to the preblend a member selected from the group consisting of dextrose, mannitol, a lubricant, cornstarch, calcium phosphate, sodium citrate, calcium sulfate, calcium stearate, stearic acid, glyceryl

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